

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

ELLE NGUYEN, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MERCER ISLAND BOYS BASKETBALL
BOOSTER CLUB,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:24-cv-01990-RSL

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on “Plaintiffs[’] Status Report Request for Clarification on Settlement Conference and Defer Defendant’s Summary Judgment Briefing.” Dkt. # 49. As stated in the case management order:

The settlement conference conducted between the close of discovery and the filing of dispositive motions requires a face-to-face meeting or a telephone conference between persons with authority to settle the case. The settlement conference does not have to involve a third-party neutral.

Dkt. # 2 at 2. The Court does not schedule or moderate the settlement conference: it is up to the parties to organize themselves and make a good faith effort to settle the dispute before incurring the expenses associated with dispositive motions and trial. Plaintiffs mistakenly assumed that the Court would appoint a mediator before whom the settlement


1 conference would take place (Dkt. # 49 at 2), but they are incorrect. The conference call
2 the parties apparently held on March 19, 2025, is all that is required.

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4 Plaintiffs request that the briefing schedule and consideration of defendant's motion
5 for summary judgment be continued until after the parties have engaged in mediation.

6 While the parties are free to mediate if both sides agree to do so, it is not required.

7 Defendant timely filed its motion for summary judgment, noting it for consideration on
8 April 30, 2025. Plaintiffs' response is due on or before April 23, 2025. The possibility that
9 further settlement negotiations might be successful does not warrant a stay of either the
10 case management deadlines or consideration of the pending motion.
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13 Dated this 8th day of April, 2025.
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